

A NEW NOCTUID FROM ARIZONA

(Lepidoptera, Noctuidæ, Acronyctinæ)

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Thurberiphaga catalina, new genus and species.

Fore wing with an areole; fore tibiæ and tarsi without special armature; frons with a truncate conical prominence with raised edges, large, without central prominence, but a slight scar that in some specimens resembles the remains of a vertical ridge; abdomen with a low decumbent crest on basal segment only; prothorax without crest, proboscis well-developed; palpi porrect, rather short; eyes large and round; thorax clothed with hair and scales mixed, patagia normal.

Thorax pale yellow, head and front of tegulæ pink. Fore wing pale yellow, a pink band beyond middle, shaded within, limited without, curving sharply over cell; fringe pink from apex to below vein 2, a dark pink line from apex to vein 6, below which there is a brownish shade to vein 2, diffused inward along the veins to the pink band. Hind wing brownish cream-color with a browner patch beyond cell to apex. Abdomen creamy brown, darker dorsally. Expanse, 25-33 mm.

Cotypes, three males, two females, No. 22727, U. S. Nat. Mus.; Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mountains, Arizona, August 2, 1919, "Pink boll-worm of *Thurberia*" (J. D. Mitchell, Hunter No. 3869).

Three other specimens have been damaged by careless handling. Of these, two issued at Victoria, Texas, with the above (J. D. Mitchell), the third issued at Brownsville, Texas, August 6, 1919 (J. C. Barber).